

Supervisor District Boundaries Studied

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 The old problem of "people versus trees" so far as legislative districting is concerned applies not only to Congress and the Legislature. It also affects the make-up of supervisorial districts in our California counties. A basic question is, should there be reapportionment of such districts after every federal census, as is the case with the state and national bodies?

Three bills relating to this problem were introduced in our 1961 session. One of them, which merely provides for the appointment of an advisory study commission in each county, is now law. One failed to pass both houses. The third was referred to committee for interim study. A hearing on this last measure was recently held by the assembly committee on municipal and county government.

UNDER PRESENT law, supervisorial districts are supposed to be kept as nearly equal in population as possible, but supervisors are authorized to consider a long list of other specified factors in setting boundaries, and there is no requirement for redistricting after each census. The record shows that some counties have not changed district boundaries since they were first set in the 1850s and that a total of 20 have not changed theirs since the turn of the century.

The measure as introduced would have provided for a redistricting this year (to take into account the 1960 census), and after each future census on the basis of population. No district would be authorized which would deviate more than 20 per cent from the average for all five districts. The bill also provided for special redistricting commissions to do the work, if boards of supervisors failed to act within the legal time limits.

SUPERVISORS from many counties appeared at the hearing to express the viewpoints of their boards. Other boards sent written communications to the committee, outlining their positions and recommendations on the subject. There was a very full discussion of all aspects of the problem.

The social, economic, and physical features of the several counties are as varied as their locations within the state. Their reactions to the proposal for legislation were about as diverse.

NOT MUCH opposition to the basic principle of districting in accordance with equality of population was voiced. One county which favors retention of the present law drew attention to the fact that it is often difficult to adhere strictly to a population standard because of important economic factors, such as agriculture, forestry, or mining need and deserve informed representation. In its case, 60 per cent of the total population is one city, now in one district, while more than half the assessed valuation is in the outlying agricultural districts.

Another county, whose population increased 250 per cent between the 1950 and 1960 censuses, said redistricting every two years would be necessary to keep representation equal. MOST OPPOSITION was expressed to the percentage deviation which would be permitted under the proposed bill — 25 per cent. Some recommended that the figure be increased to 35 per cent. One county suggested that a different standard be set under which no one district could have less than 10 per cent of the total county population, and no three combined, more than 50 per cent.

From the discussion, there seemed to be fairly general agreement that some more equitable, but still practical districting system for supervisorial districts is needed. It also seemed clear that action will probably be taken at our 1963 session.

Union Carbide Sets Dividend

The board of directors of Union Carbide Corp. has declared a quarterly dividend of 90 cents per share on the outstanding capital stock of the corporation payable March 2, 1962, to stockholders of record Feb. 9, 1962.

The last quarterly dividend was 90 cents per share paid Dec. 1, 1961.

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 do it all over again," Miss Thomas said.

Helping persons who are sick is the biggest satisfaction she gets from her job.

MISS Thomas entered institutional nursing in 1940 because she "wanted a regular check and security of a check coming at the same intervals." She likes private nursing though "because you are closer to the nursing profession."

In earlier days, Miss Thomas said, everyone who could afford it had a private nurse. "People feel more secure having someone with them after they have had surgery."

Private nurses are not used as much now because "patients are up and around sooner after having surgery and there are not enough nurses available for private cases."

RECALLING the days when nurses wore white gabardine uniforms with a belt, long sleeves, and a hemline at the ankles means Miss Thomas can retire now but she has no such plans. "I still feel I have some useful years ahead," she said.

There is a critical shortage of nurses now. Miss Thomas attributes this to the fact that "girls can go into other medical jobs with better pay. Nurses are also wanted who have bachelor's degrees, and that takes four years."

Working in a hospital as a junior volunteer (called junior auxiliary members at Little Company of Mary and Candy Strippers at Harbor General) is a good way for a girl to decide if she would like a nursing career, Miss Thomas said.

"To be a nurse a girl can't have any qualms at seeing blood or anybody hurt," she added.



GRAND OPENING . . . Thrifty Drug Store in Rolling Hills Plaza at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard observed its grand opening Thursday. On hand for the occasion were, left to right, Carman Vizcarra, Miss Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Wade Peebles, city manager; Anthony Laurenzana, store manager, and Bill Henry, director of store operations for Thrifty. (Herald Photo)

College Music Instructor to Give Recital

June Lusk Nelson, El Camino College music instructor, will present a piano recital at 8:30 p.m. March 2 in the ECC Theater.

The recital, Mrs. Nelson's fifth at El Camino, will be free to the public. In her recital Mrs. Nelson will include works by Mozart, Schubert, Chopin, and Scriabin.

Mrs. Nelson, who lives in Gardena, is a native Californian, born in Riverside and educated at the University of California, where she earned a master's degree in music. After graduation from USC, Mrs. Nelson continued her studies for a year in Germany. She has been teaching at ECC for six years.

Mrs. Nelson has appeared in numerous concerts in the Southern California area and has toured Germany. Last year she performed with the Inglewood Symphony Orchestra.

A native of New Guinea offers water to strangers as a mark of friendship. He takes a sip before presenting it — to prove it's unpoisoned.

Obituaries

GEORGE BRUCE FRASER

Requiem Mass for George Bruce Fraser was celebrated at St. Philomena's Church Saturday morning. Mr. Fraser, who was 68, died Wednesday. He lived at 1133 Bayview, Wilmington.

Holy Rosary was recited at McNerny's Mortuary Chapel in Wilmington Friday evening. Interment was in All Souls Cemetery, Long Beach.

Mr. Fraser was employed as a custodian by the Los Angeles City School System before his retirement.

He is survived by a daughter, Helen M. Gutierrez; two sisters, Helen McNamara and Elizabeth James; a brother, Austin Fraser, and four grandchildren.

JOHN GEORGE CLOWER

Funeral services for John George Clower, 84, of 22034 S. Normandie Ave., will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. The Rev. Milton Sippel, minister of the First Christian Church of Torrance, will officiate.

Mr. Clower, who had lived here for 18 years, died Thursday at a Torrance hospital.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Fay Anderson of Torrance and Mrs. Benrus Simpson of Arlington, Va.; two grandchildren, and several brothers and sisters in the East.

Interment will be in Inglewood Memorial Park.

Births

TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 TAYLOR — Mr. and Mrs. A. W. 528 Fonthill Ave., a daughter, Jane Rose, Jan. 10.

COLLINS — Mr. and Mrs. Pete, 1446 W. 216th St., a daughter, Rochelle Ellen, Jan. 10.

KIMBLE — Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F., 22423 S. Harvard Blvd., a daughter, Donna Carol, Jan. 8.

DYER — Mr. and Mrs. Ross E., 2259 S. Halldale, a son, Dennis Earl, Jan. 10.

BATY — Mr. and Mrs. Robert C., 304 Beach Ave., a son, Jan. 10.

ANSLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Ben, 25020 Frampton Ave., Harbor City, a son, Michael Ben, Jan. 10.

GIBSON — Mr. and Mrs. William P., 4102 W. Artesia Blvd., a son, Jan. 14.

WADE — Mr. and Mrs. Robert D., 1536 W. 210th St., a daughter, Tamara Lynn, Jan. 10.

SALVA — Mr. and Mrs. Isabele L., 141 W. Jay St., a daughter, Maxine Theresia, Jan. 17.

WINTERS — Mr. and Mrs. Irvin L., 21829 1/2 S. Figueroa St., a son, Darren Alexander, Jan. 17.

BRADFORD — Mr. and Mrs. George Richard, 1921 222nd St., a son, Richard Howard, Jan. 21.

HANSEN — Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, 1522 Madrid, Apt. 3, a daughter, Janice Denise, Jan. 18.

STROH — Mr. and Mrs. Jay R., 1878 W. 156th St., a daughter, Jill Louise, Jan. 30.

BOSKOVICH — Mr. and Mrs. Michael, 2714 Gramercy Ave., a daughter, Tami Lynn, Jan. 21.

MORATAS — Mr. and Mrs. Art, 18909 Towne Ave., a son, Gregory James, Jan. 21.

SCHUT — Mr. and Mrs. Dean, 5507 Sunnyview, a daughter, Carol Doe, Jan. 21.

GRIPPIN — Mr. and Mrs. Robert E., 1109 W. 228th St., a son, Edward Kent, Jan. 22.

MOON — Mr. and Mrs. James R., 1537 W. 27th St., a son, Wayne Redford, Jan. 22.

SOLDANO — Mr. and Mrs. Frank, 1051 W. 208th St., a daughter, Jan. 23.

HOYLE — Mr. and Mrs. Monroe, 1749 W. 29th St., Lomita, a daughter, Janet Marie, Jan. 24.

RIVIERA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
 NEUBERT — Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Edward, 1605 W. 206th St., Apt. E, a son, Jan. 17.

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 By CLAY R. POLLAN

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8 Don't	38 Unexpectedly	68 Sleeping		
9 Don't	39 Expects	69 Ambitions		
10 Good	40 From	70 Divulge		
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13 Presidenc	43 Trouble	73 Renew		
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15 Attention	45 Great	75 Valuable		
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17 Respect	47 And	77 Listener		
18 Hunch	48 Be	78 Friendships		
19 Jump	49 Certain	79 Who's		
20 Can	50 Solved	80 With		
21 Stir	51 Off	81 Dogs		
22 Command	52 Moves	82 Sound		
23 Your	53 You	83 Make		
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TV CANDIDS
 by
Terrence O'Flaherty

Some of the ladies' clubs have written CBS to protest that television's "Dennis the Menace" is defiant, disrespectful and provides the kids of America with blueprints for trouble.

This time the ladies have gone too far. But, oddly enough, they have the executive producer of the series worried. His name is Harry Ackerman and he recently wrote a letter to an L.A. newspaper declaring that the moppet is actually chock full of the milk of human kindness.

"Each show ends on a harmonious note and in actuality the adults emerge better off in the final analysis," wrote Ackerman, whose sentence structure is more menacing than his child star.

Shortly thereafter CBS brought Jay North to my office. He's the child actor who plays Dennis on television. I must admit that I've never cared for him in the role because he is far too delicate to duplicate Hank Ketcham's husky little devil.

"But the association of the show to the strip is purely coincidence, you know," said the CBS publicity agent.

"That's strange," I replied. "I seem to remember that he had sold the rights to television."

"Well, you know what I mean. He never comes near Hollywood. The show revolves around a mutual affection between adult and child, etc., etc.," said the P. A.

Master North was arrayed in long pants, orange socks, orange sweater and topped by a cluster of blond hair that looks as natural as Jayne Mansfield's. His mother and his teacher were with him. They had just completed a publicity tour of the country.

The television series has been a popular hit from the start. I hear Young North's relatives are a big help to his career. They include his uncle, Hal Hopper, who is a composer; his great-grandfather, Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, and his mother, who is the secretary of the radio-television actors union in Hollywood.

Recently Jackie Cooper made some comments on child actors He should know. He's been in movies since the silent versions of "Our Gang" comedies.

"Most child actors miss the important things of growing up, the fun of childhood, hanging around the candy store, knowing the kids on the block, school dances, and that sort of thing. I don't want my kids to miss them as I did," said Cooper.

"Kid actors don't have a childhood. They have to work — have to be prodded into working sometimes. They get too much adulation and too much attention. They become spoiled. And they learn about money much too early." (Cooper has four children. The eldest is John, 15, who wants to finish college before going into show business.)

One of the joys of the comic "Dennis" is that he (like Little Orphan Annie) never gets older. This is not true of child stars, alas. I can picture Jay North getting older and older while his mother keeps him in kiddie clothes and paints on the freckles every morning. (With the appropriate camera tricks a Hollywood child star can go on playing a 10-year-old until he's 21 and brought up on his first morals charge.)

"When you outgrow Dennis, what do you want to be?" I asked.

"Can I tell him, mother?" he asked. She nodded. "I want to be a manager of a drive-in movie," said he. I guess Jay North is older than I thought.

Garden Checklist

- All deciduous shrubs and trees should be planted before the end of the month in most areas of California.
- Spray peaches and nectarines with a control for leaf curl. Spray roses when you've finished pruning.
- All the popular vegetables are available as flat-grown seedlings in local nurseries. Celery, broccoli, lettuce, chard, among others, are available.
- Flowering quinces will be blooming in nurseries this month. Best choose them in bloom.
- Perennials still top the list of bedding plants to be set out now.

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